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Love: one-word revolution

Inspiration for movement
comes to
campus

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Renee Yohe grew up in a good home but started struggling with anxiety and depression when she was young. She began cutting herself when she was 12 years old. "It started out as [me] having no idea what I was doing and [I] had no idea it would become an addiction for me," Yohe said. "After the first time I did it, my parents become aware of it and this really hurt them and kept me from doing it for a long time."

Yohe said she became detached from becoming close to people because her family moved a lot. "I needed to escape," she said. She got drunk for the first time her freshman year of high school, which soon turned into an addiction by the time she was 18. She also started taking heavy drugs around that age.

Yohe said her cutting returned when she was 18 years old, and she first got help at that time, going to two psychiatric wards within one month.

"I didn't successfully stay clean since my first treatment center," Yohe said.

Through her church, she met people who wanted to help her get back on her feet.

A friend, David McKenna, was

also there to help.

"These people would take care of me," Yohe said. "They told me I should seek help because I felt like I had nothing and was ready to give up. I didn't want to lose the only people that cared about me." The night before she was supposed to go in, Yohe relapsed and the recovery center would not let her in for five days because she had cuts on her arms and drugs in her system. "David offered to accept me in his home during those five days, and after those five days, I went back to treatment," Yohe said. "His roommate Jamie Tworkowski asked if he could write an article about me." This is where "To Write Love on Her Arms" officially started. "To Write Love on Her Arms" took off while Yohe was in the treatment center, and she said she saw a lot of beautiful things come out of her story. She also wrote a book called "Purpose for the Pain," about all the experiences she went through while dealing with depression.

However, because of all the expectations, Yohe relapsed again after three years and had two close calls where she almost died.

"I went back to treatment again at 22 and it has been a

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The DEN invites readers to submit photos of their own for the "To Write Love on Her Arms" cause. Any photo of the word "love" written on the arm is acceptable and will be featured on DENNews.com Friday. Please send photos to dennews.com@gmail.com

LOCAL

City ordinance frustrates students

Many upset over new ordinance, feel it will not make difference

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

The Charleston City Council passed an amendment to the weapons discharge ordinance at Tuesday's meeting.

The adjustment added more items to the list of weapons that are now illegal to discharge within the city limits to include all pellets, arrows and missiles.

While many residents expressed their opinions on the situation, the Eastern Hunting and Fishing Club and the Eastern Paintball Club had opinions about the issue, as well.

Zach Huber, president of the Eastern Hunting and Fishing Club, said the city has overlooked a few

things.

"Many different kinds of projectiles can be dangerous," Huber said. "A golf ball being hit by a club or a baseball by a bat; those are all projectiles that can cause damage, too."

Given wind resistance and the tumbling factor, many pellets are no longer dangerous on the way back down after missing a target, Huber said.

Daryl Betts, a member of the Eastern Hunting and Fishing Club, said regulations should have been set, but to completely eliminate shooting for target practice was excessive.

"I think there should have been regulations to provide safety; such as safe distances from someone else's property and backdrops before eliminating the option completely," Betts said.

If done safely there should be no problem, Betts said. "It all comes back to being responsible while you are shooting anything."

Both Betts and Huber agreed

that the gun laws would continue to be stricter; however, they believe the lawmaker's time could be used better elsewhere.

"Anything like this will continue to have tightened restrictions," Huber said. "But, if they really wanted to make a difference there are other issues they could deal with in this area than the gun laws."

Despite the law, people will continue with their habits, Huber said.

"I think people will continue to do what they do, no matter what the law says," Huber said. "It's just like the smoking ban, it will stop for a little bit and then people will find ways around it."

While the Hunting and Fishing Club will have to make adjustments for its target practice, the Eastern Paintball Club has had to find ways to practice with the regulations restricting the use of paintball guns before this amendment was made.

When it is warm outside, the paintball club practices for its tour-

naments at the Norman Paintball Field east of Charleston, said Danny Naatz, a member of the club.

"Now that it is cold we have to travel an hour south to an indoor field," said Bob Sheahan, a member of the club.

Both Sheahan and Naatz said restrictions for the discharge of paintball guns are in effect in Charleston and in their hometowns, like many places within the state.

"But most of these laws are very lax," Sheahan said. "I have never ran into problems with it."

While the paintball club does not have safety talks for practice, the point of safety is expressed before every tournament.

"Every time we go to a new field, we are given a 15-minute talk about safety with the sport and field," Naatz said. "It's pounded into our heads a lot."

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CAMPUS

Boiler arrives at just the right time

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

The timing could not have been better.

A coal-fired boiler in the old steam plant broke down just days after a new natural gas-fired boiler was installed and ready.

"It was good timing that we were able to get that new boiler in there, started up, available for service and just about the week after we were all done checking it out, our coal boiler broke down," said Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management. "So now we started the gas boiler and it's really doing its job for us."

The new boiler cost the university around \$1.4 million, including delivery, installation and startup. The boiler was purchased from CB Nebraska Boiler of Lincoln, Neb. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase at its April 27, 2009 meeting.

It will serve as the campus's main energy source until the Renewable Energy Center opens BOILER, page 7

WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

HIGH 43° LOW 23° High pressure will continue to clear the skies today through Saturday. Expect warmer afternoons and colder nights for the end of this week. The warming trend will continue through the weekend. Next week will start in the lower 50's, but there's a chance of rain Sunday evening through Tuesday night.

WEATHER TOMORROW

Friday Mostly Sunny High: 45° Low: 25°

Saturday Sunny High: 50° Low: 33°

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DEBATE

Political division: north v. south

By Erica Whelan Student Government Editor

A debate regarding the political divide between Chicago and the downstate region of Illinois will take place at 6:30 p.m. today in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Artie Berns, a student supreme court justice, will moderate. He said he hopes discussion at the event will provide solutions to assist future political leaders who hail from downstate in executing practical decisions. "Hopefully, it will leave Eastern with solutions, not arguments," Berns said. The debate will have perspectives from both sides of the political spectrum, including speakers from across the state. While planning for the event, Berns considered the importance of providing viewpoints from a balanced panel and of inviting an equal number of speakers from the northern and southern regions of the state.

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Dollars and sense



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Moe Samad, a senior English major with teacher certification, along with the National Residence Hall Honorary, sells T-shirts to raise money for housing scholarships. If all shirts are sold, \$1,500 will go toward the scholarships, of which anyone living in university housing is eligible. The sales have been going on all week and end today.

BLOTTER

Patrick Murphy, 19, of 21202 Arbour Walk Drive, Frankfort, was arrested at 9:36 a.m. Wednesday at Carman Hall for an in-state warrant for possession of a controlled substance. Murphy was released from the University Police Department at 10:15 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$5,000 bond, the UPD said.

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Social media safety

Two Eastern students and Jennifer Peterson, career adviser for the College of Education and professional studies, explain why they think it's important to clean up your Facebook profile when applying for a job. Listen to the podcast at DENnews.com.



Can celeb crushes ruin a relationship?

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto writes about how celebrity crushes can affect relationships. Check out her relationships blog at DENnews.com.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Friedewald to speak about CPA exam

Russ Friedewald from the Illinois Board of Examiners will present information about the CPA exam at 5 p.m. today in Room 2011 of Lumpkin Hall.

1st 'Rejected' art show in Doudna

The Illinois Art Education Association is presenting the 1st 'Rejected Student Art Show' in Doudna beginning today. The show is open to all art majors and minors who were rejected from the Tarble Art Student Show. Two art faculty members will judge the submitted works to determine a Best of Show and two honorable mentions. The winners will receive a cash prize. There is a \$5 entry fee, which needs to be included with the form. Students can drop off their work between 2 and 6 p.m. today and between noon and 2 p.m. Friday. The judging and exhibit viewing will be all day Saturday.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

University Board Presents An Evening With Renee Yohe The Inspiration behind "To Write LOVE On Her Arms." TONIGHT 7:00pm 7th Street Underground

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate considers court procedures

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

The student senate considered a resolution regarding court procedure for the student supreme court Wednesday that will be voted on next week, as well as unanimously approved all three items of old business on the agenda.

The first item included a \$100 line-item transfer to provide payment for the student government Web master who has yet to be hired. The funds, approved by the apportionment board, will comprise the position's paycheck for the remainder of the semester to serve as an incentive for keeping the student government Web site up-to-date.

Jarrod Scherle, vice president for business affairs, said the allocation will be put to good use.

"We live in a very electronic age, and our Web site is in bad condition," Scherle said.

The student senate also approved a correction to a non-employee travel resolution passed at the Feb. 18 apportionment board meeting. A total of \$636.99 was transferred in the effort to satisfy revised state stipulations for travel to off-campus events.

Prior to voting, Eric Wilber, the student executive vice president and author of the resolution, expressed a need to amend the correction as

two line item amounts were mistakenly switched.

The resolution was amended to flip-flop the amounts listed under in-state travel, which correctly totals \$132.86, with those for travel employee in-state, totaling \$503.13.

The final item of old business regarded approving the Student Teacher Interaction Program, led by Scott Lambert, vice president for academic affairs.

"I've been working on this since the beginning of the semester," Lambert said. "It really means a lot to teachers when they get a personal award from students."

Following the unanimous approval of all three resolutions, members of the senate considered a resolution that established procedural guidelines for the student supreme court, which were provided by justices in attendance.

Members will vote on approving the guidelines at Wednesday's meeting.

If approved, the resolution will officially recognize the required actions that justices must take while operating the court, including proper procedure for extending arguments and resuming hearings at later times as deemed necessary by the justices.

Wilber, who co-authored the resolution, defended it as an opportunity for the student supreme court

to maintain organization.

"The [executive] board has its own rules and the senate has its by-laws, but the student supreme court doesn't have anything except what's in their portion of the Constitution," Wilber said. "This is a great way for the student supreme court to get its ducks in a row. It sets out how they work."

Discussion pertaining to the procedures will resume Wednesday.

In the meantime, members of the senate will present the 2010-2011 student government budget to the apportionment board at 7 p.m. today.

Scherle, who will lead the meeting, said the budget underwent cuts in the process of review.

"We took good cuts out, in my opinion," Scherle said. "We should be lean but healthy next year."

In addition, Student Body President Michelle Murphy will present the 2010-2011 Panther Nation budget to the apportionment board for approval. The board will also vote on its own budget.

In other news:

- Petitions to run for student senate seats will be available Monday in the Student Activities Center.
- Gary Reed, director of facilities, planning and management, will present the progress of the Honeywell construction across cam-



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Isaac Sandidge, speaker of the senate, talks at Wednesday's meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

pus during audience participation at next Wednesday's student government meeting.

- Student government will host an open forum at their March 31

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CONFERENCE

COSGA an educational vacation

By Jenna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Eastern's three student senate delegates returned Tuesday after a four-day trip to College Station, Texas to attend the Conference on Student Government Associations at Texas A&M University, an event that attracts college delegates from across the nation.

The student government has participated in COSGA's conferences for many years and has recently reduced the number of delegates due to university budget cuts.

The usual cost to send five delegates is \$7,000, but this year, by sending only three, the senate saved almost \$3,000.

Delegates included Tommy Nierman, Jennifer Prillaman and Jason Sandidge.

Sandidge, chair of the university development and recycling committee, voiced disapproval for allocating funds to send five students to the conference, which he previously described as "essentially a vacation."

Upon returning from the conference, Sandidge voiced different views pertaining to the importance COSGA and how it can aid in the success of student governments both across the nation and here at Eastern.

"The trip by all means is not a vacation," Sandidge said. "However, it can be looked at as an education vacation."

The delegates brought back many new ideas they hope to use to help

modernize the student government and bring it back to the basics on which the organization was founded.

Some new ideas delegates will introduce to all senate members in a presentation include stronger interactions with students and the possibility of a chat room where students can talk to senate members and make their voices heard.

Among the most-discussed aspects of student government is the voting process and the risk entailed in utilizing online voting.

Prillaman said that a number of delegates she encountered at the conference come from institutions that use an online voting system.

"A lot of other delegates I talked to made it seem like we were in the Stone Age for not having online voting yet," Prillaman said.

Nierman said the trip turned out to be better than he expected.

"We plan on working with all of the senate members on the ideas we have brought back. We are all in this together," Nierman said.

Along with new ideas to improve the campus, Sandidge gathered new ideas to bring senate members together as a whole in the effort to maximize teamwork and cooperation.

"Many other student senators mentioned being very close with their senate, even though they do not all get along," Sandidge said.

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GROUP

Writer's Ink a beginner's step to great writing

Group meets to critique, better one another's writings, work

By Doug T. Graham
Staff Reporter

For a writer, submitting personal work to the mercy of his or her peers can be a scary experience. Sitting in a circle of desks at a meeting of Writer's Ink with a group of student writers, the tension that precedes a writer reading his or her own work is obvious.

To combat this tension, Jennifer Hinds, one of the co-presidents and a sophomore English major, reminds the room that they are a part of an accepting, non-judgmental environment.

Lacie Ball, a junior English major with a language arts teacher certification, read her submission, an untitled poem about the loss of a loved one.

After the final line "Vitalness returns and the sun is once more in the sky," the workshop process begins.

The attention of the group is first drawn to the word "Vitalness," which they agree should be changed to "vitality." Details as small as the punctuation of each line are gone over before the group turns to the larger thematic elements.

"I'll be the bad guy," said senior English major Tony Hesseldenz. "This poem is very cliché."

Hesseldenz added that although some lines worked well, in par-

Writer's Ink Foundation:

Jennifer O'Neil, a graduate student in the English department, founded Writer's Ink in the spring of 2007. O'Neil said she created the group to be an open, non-discriminatory place for writers similar to what they would have in a workshop class but without the grade. She said the only requirement for membership is that students must submit one piece of writing to *The Vehicle*, which is a student literary journal published by Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society. Even though the deadline for submissions to *The Vehicle* have passed, students are still welcome to join Writer's Ink. The group meets at 5:30 on Tuesday nights in Coleman Hall room 3290.

"You never want to make the mistake of bringing something to a workshop that you are perfectly happy with because it is a recipe to leave angry."

Clint Walker, English graduate student

group may seem blunt, but time has proven it to be effective.

Writer's Ink member Clint Walker, a graduate student in English and Creative Writing, is proof that their system works.

Last year Walker's piece, "Our sad mall always divides us," was published in *Mary* magazine and he credits the workshop session with Writer's Ink as a reason for its success, particularly in fixing problems with the ending.

"They gave me the what-for and told me that there were crickets chirping at the end of it," said Walker, who noted that bluntly identifying problems like that is what the workshop process is for.

"A workshop is not supposed to be a self-congratulatory exercise," Walker said. "You never want to make the mistake of bringing something to a workshop that you are perfectly happy with because it is a recipe to leave angry."

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ticular the image of "an empty sea road," he would have preferred that more of the poem had such originality.

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VIEWS



Julian Russell

Not without my BB gun, Charleston!

So, as I sit here and read an article from Friday's edition of the *Times Courier/Journal Gazette* written by Dave Shadow, I find myself laughing at an ordinance the city of Charleston is considering amending.

The ordinance regulates the discharge of weapons within Charleston city limits, and it is being proposed that this ordinance now include any type of weapon projecting pellets, arrows, missiles, or projectiles, leaden or otherwise, or any type of missile that includes as mentioned; bows, mechanically drawn bows, toy guns, cannons, pistols, BB guns and air guns.

Now, we can obviously see the need for at least some of these items to be banned, but in my opinion the city might be crossing the line with children's toys.

Now, Shadow didn't want to "stir the doo-doo" as he put it, but I am more than willing to stir said "doo-doo."

Do we really need to start banning children's toys? Honestly? To me, this all spins right back around to the "good parenting" argument.

I think a responsible parent knows, or should know, when their child is mature enough to not shoot people passing by in whatever form with any type of toy gun that launches a projectile.

As for BB guns, the same idea applies in my opinion. A parent should know when he can trust his child to simply shoot at a properly located target. A BB gun is just one of those toys every young man needs at some point. And it should be on the parent to properly train his child and not hand him a BB gun and send him out into the streets to start shooting at whatever he wants.

I usually frown on strict tradition but come on, a BB gun is a classic kid's toy. At least it is a toy that gets our children outside rather than planted in front of the television or computer munching on junk food.

If we keep this up, our children are going to be helpless to the point where parents don't even have to worry about being responsible because all their kids will be doing is drooling in front of a video game.

Again, I agree to an extent the necessity for this ordinance but sit down and think again Charleston, because wording is quite the tricky deal.

When the FDA decided to ban flavored cigarettes there was a huge uproar about cigars' inclusion in the ban. The law had to be rewritten to say "rolled tobacco products" rather than simply cigarettes.

Another concern Shadow shared is that of bow hunters who practice their skills during the off-season.

He mentions the necessity of bow hunters to be skilled at what they do in order to properly hunt the animal without causing undue or improper injury. This, of course, heavily depends on what kind of back yard you have at your disposal, but I agree with Shadow on this issue.

Responsible hunters should have the right to practice. We shouldn't let irresponsible people spoil the entire city's right to enjoyment. Anyone who has ill intentions with a bow most likely would not choose to obey the law anyway.

So, I say "rock on," to Shadow for bringing to light what I consider to be a slight hypocrisy in the system.

Sit down and reword your ordinance Charleston and don't be toy-hate mongers!

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DAILY EDITORIAL

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Burke, athletic department on right track, must use caution

Athletic Director Barbara Burke unveiled her "master facility plan" Feb. 24, which entailed a remapping of virtually the entire area in which the athletic facilities reside.

The goal is a lofty one, and as an article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said, many changes are possible as the logistics of her plan come to fruition.

Since Burke took over as athletic director in summer 2008, she has seemingly made it her priority to recruit donors and increase Eastern athletics to a top-notch, Division I level.

That priority has led to a number of small changes thus far, such as the graphics on the walls of Lantz Arena, the lettering around home plate at Coaches Stadium and the numerous banners placed around Lantz, O'Brien Stadium and beyond in and around the athletic facilities and campus as a whole.

We cautiously applaud Burke for her efforts to make our athletic department one of the best in the country while keeping in mind that these efforts are promising, assuming that student fees are not increased in the process.

When asked if the proposed changes to the facilities would lead to an increase in fees, Burke said they would not, and we hope she holds to that standard as the changes draw near over the next five years and beyond.

We see no problem with Burke & Co. going out to the community and recruiting people and businesses to support Eastern athletics. In fact, we encourage it.

"But still, the changes are a positive. As long as the department plans logically and avoids charging students for these plans, we are all for it."

If people chose to spend their hard-earned cash on our athletic program, so be it. It can only be seen as a positive. Just don't dig into the students' pockets when the cost of going to college is increasing and the level of support from the state is smaller than ever.

Likewise, the proposed changes to athletic facilities are beneficial in the sense of promoting our program to donors and our school to recruits.

If the proposed renovations to Lantz Arena and the proposed building of a Panther Performance Center are completed, it makes the university's exterior more aesthetically pleasing and provides up-to-date equipment for potential recruits.

It's possible only some of Burke's proposed changes are completed, and it's possible there would still be a number of years until anything is finished — likely even beyond the senior year of the current freshman class.

But still, the changes are a positive. As long as the department plans logically and avoids charging students for these plans, we are all for it.

Burke is taking the department in the right direction. It started when she took over as athletic director a year and a half ago and she is clearly motivated to bring Eastern to a level of athletics the university has never seen before.

If she follows through on all her plans and promises, Eastern's athletic department will undoubtedly be for the better.

We're excited about the prospects, just cautiously so.

FROM THE EASEL

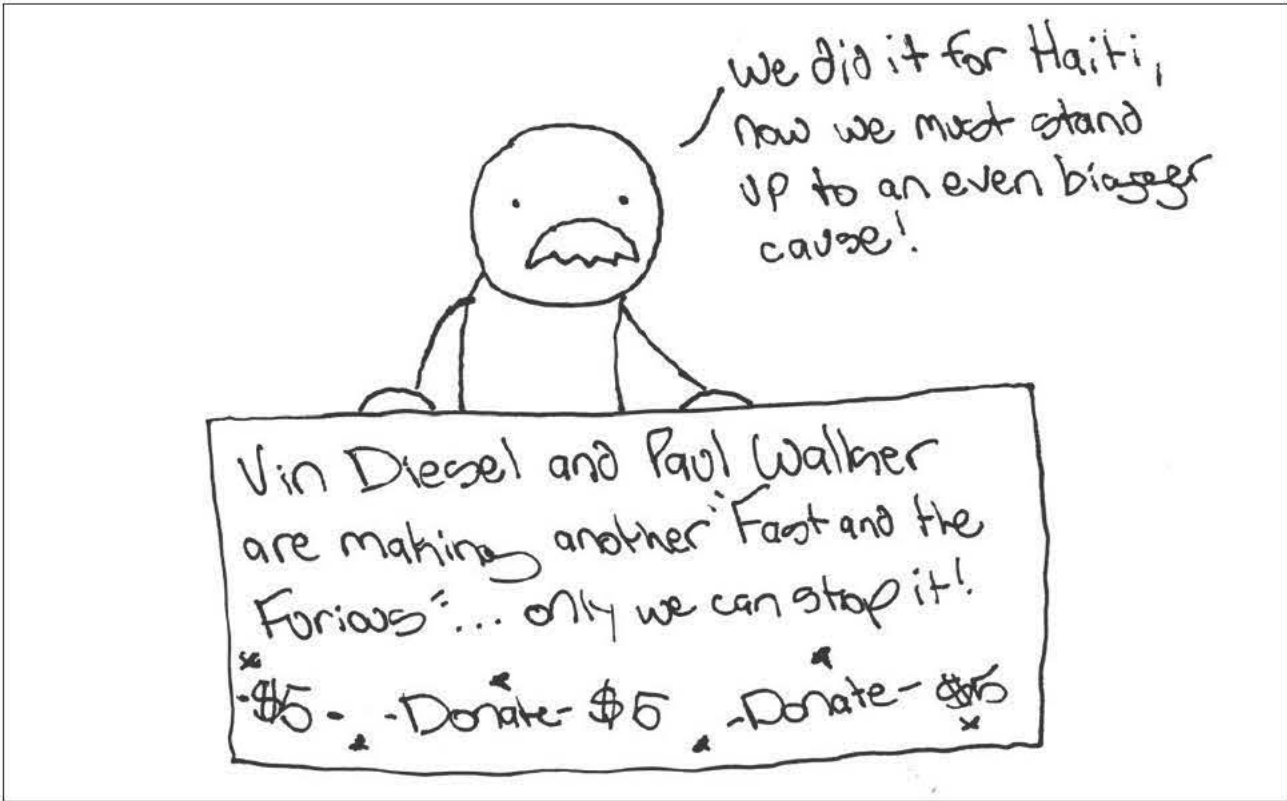


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Crimes becoming too common on campuses

By Jacqueline Evans
The Northern Star
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Too many students around the nation, whether they hail from cities, suburbs, or small towns, are familiar with violent crime.

They may have seen it in the newspaper, watched it on television, or even witnessed it in person, but either way, we all know crime exists. Sadly, it is a factor of life many have come to accept.

People try to escape violence in different ways, and college is one of them.

When college towns largely consist of a population between the ages of 18-24, you can expect certain issues to arise when it comes to obeying the law.

Underage drinking, illegal consumption of prescription drugs, illegal drugs, DUIs, and even

sexual assaults are all disappointing, yet common and almost expected aspects of the college atmosphere.

To shoot another human being takes a really strong emotion that you would not expect to find in a place of higher learning. In the past 5 years, though, that has not been the case.

"It is a shame that these happenings transpire at the institutions where individuals come to better and progress as a person," said Byron Neal, junior marketing major.

As most everyone knows, occurred at the Stevenson residence hall, which is both frightening and sad.

Now, I cannot say what the gunman's intentions were, but the fact that he had a gun says enough.

NIU is not the only college institution that has experienced violent crimes.

I am sure we all remember the Virginia Tech

shooting where 33 people were killed in 2007 and the University of Central Arkansas which experienced the death of two members of their community in 2008.

The University of Alabama at Huntsville also experienced a fatal shooting, where a professor shot three and killed three members of the university on February 12.

There have been many more violent deaths of faculty and students at many other universities in the past years.

This is not a new trend.

But why is this happening in the place where the young, old and everyone in between go to better themselves?

"I believe that an atmosphere of intoxication and immaturity causes violent crimes on college campuses to occur so often," Neal said.

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WASHINGTON D.C.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A freshman congressman from New York who cited health reasons in announcing his retirement Wednesday is facing allegations of misconduct, a top House Democrat confirmed.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer did not elaborate on the allegation against Democratic Rep. Eric Massa, who said he will not seek a second term after a recurrence of cancer late last year.

The allegation involved a male staffer, a House aide told The Associated Press, but the aide wouldn't characterize the allegation further.

The aide was not authorized to discuss the allegation and spoke on con-

dition of anonymity.

Massa, 50, who was stricken with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1996, was elected in 2008, defeating Republican Rep. Randy Kuhl in a district long dominated by Republicans.

He said during a two-minute conference call with reporters that his cancer returned in December.

"I was briefly hospitalized, kept it private between myself and my immediate family," he said. "It was a very intense and personal experience, especially in light of having gone through this before."

Massa said he was announcing his decision now to give potential contenders time to run, and he dismissed a Politico story that cited unidentified House aides in reporting that the con-

“It was a very intense and personal experience, especially in light of having gone through this before.”

Rep Eric Massa

gressman had been accused of harassing a staffer.

"There are blogs who are saying I am leaving because there were charges of harassment against my staff," Massa responded during the conference call. "Do I or have I ever used salty language when I am angry, especially in the privacy of my inner office or even at home? Yes, I have and I have

apologized to those where it's appropriate.

"But those kinds of articles, unsubstantiated without fact or backing, are a symptom of what's wrong with this city," he said, "and it's why so many have looked at the absolute gridlock in Washington, the intense partisanship without rational thought and decided, like I, I do not have the life

energy to fight all the battles all the time."

He took no questions from reporters.

But in a statement late Wednesday, Hoyer said he was told the week of Feb. 8 by a staff member in Mass.'s office about allegations of misconduct.

Hoyer directed Massa to report the allegations to the House Ethics Committee within 48 hours.

Hoyer said he got confirmation within 48 hours that the Ethics Committee had received the report and would review the allegations.

Massa's office did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment about Hoyer's statement.

BRIEFS

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — According to a proposed retirement agreement, the departing chancellor of the University of Illinois' campus in Springfield will retain his \$273,500 salary for 14 months after he leaves the post this fall.

The agreement released Wednesday will be voted on by the university's board of trustees at its meeting next

week. It comes as UI officials say they are under severe financial constraints.

Sixty-five-year-old Richard Ringeisen has been the UIS chancellor since 2001 and is expected to step down Oct. 31. He would then serve as special assistant to the president and consultant for long-range planning through Dec. 31, 2011, before retiring completely.

UI interim president Stanley Ikenberry defended the retirement pack-

age, saying Ringeisen's compensation is at about the expected level for a major academic officer at the university.

Giannoulas: Tough for family bank to survive

CHICAGO — Democrat Alexi Giannoulias said Wednesday it will be “very tough” for his family’s struggling bank to survive, but that if the bank collapses it won’t affect his bid for President Barack Obama’s old Senate seat.

"I hope it will be around," Giannoulis told The Associated Press about the bank his father founded more than 30 years ago. But, he added: "It's quite likely that, you know, it's going to be very tough for them."

Broadway Bank entered into a consent decree with regulators in January and has 90 days to raise about \$85 million. Besides coming up with new capital, the bank also has to deal with bad assets and improve

its management. Heavy into real estate loans, the bank lost \$75.3 million last year.

The bank's financial struggles have become a central issue in Giannoulis' bid for Obama's former seat against Republican Mark Kirk, a five-term congressman from Chicago's northern suburbs.

Kirk has sought to portray Giannoulis as a failed businessman and bad elected official.

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University leaders
argue against
deeper cuts

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The leaders of two Illinois universities warned lawmakers Wednesday that further cuts in this year's higher education budget could mean layoffs, the loss of top professors and more tuition fee increases.

Illinois has cut higher education funding already, they said, and the state isn't even coming up with the money it has promised. They warned more cuts would do serious harm.

"It would require draconian cuts in our staff," Stanley Ikenberry, president of the University of Illinois, told a state Senate committee.

"In many ways, this is a determining moment for higher education funding," added Glenn Poshard, president of Southern Illinois University.

Their statements came as a Senate appropriations committee began studying the impact of 10 percent, across-the-board cuts to major agencies.

The Democratic senators who led the hearing said their goal was to study the impact of cuts that may be needed to balance the budget. They acknowledged that across-the-board cuts were an idea favored by Sen. Bill Brady, the likely Republican nominee for governor, so highlighting the cuts' impact could prove awkward for him.

"What we were trying to do today is lay out what the consequences, what the results of those cuts would be," said the committee's chairman, Sen. John Sullivan, D-Rushville.

Brady said the hearing looked like a political stunt by a majority party that has allowed the budget deficit to grow to record levels — \$13 billion or more.

"If they make it worthwhile and really dive into how we can make Illinois' budget work for the people, not the politicians, this could be a good exercise," said Brady, a Bloomington Republican. "But if they make this a circus and some sort of show, they're just wasting taxpayers' money and resources."

Ikenberry testified that the Uni-

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versity of Illinois has gotten only 18 percent of the money that state government promised for this fiscal year, even though the year is two-thirds over. That's a shortfall of \$500 million, he said.

To help universities pay the bills while waiting for their state money, the Illinois Senate approved legislation letting them take out short-term loans. It passed 43-14 and now goes to the House.

Ex-airport security chief
calls O'Hare vulnerable

CHICAGO — One of the world's busiest airports remains vulnerable to terrorists — in part because authorities are more focused on a pricey expansion of O'Hare International Airport than on security gaps, an ex-security chief at O'Hare claimed in a lawsuit filed Wednesday.

James Maurer, who was fired from the post last year, sought to raise concerns about "potentially catastrophic terrorist opportunities" at O'Hare with Chicago aviation authorities, but they appeared more worried about delays to a \$5 billion expansion of O'Hare, Maurer's lawsuit alleges.

The officials, it says, "continually ignored, criticized and rejected Maurer's suggestions and observations, even though some portended major security threats to O'Hare Airport — threats which continue to exist to today."

NATION

150 same-sex couples
seek marriage licenses in DC

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One gay couple met on a Star Trek fan site, another dancing at a country western bar. Some have been together for months, others more than a decade.

About 150 pairs had something in common Wednesday, though, applying for wedding licenses on the first day same-sex unions became legal in the nation's capital.

The mood at the marriage bureau inside the city's Moultrie Courthouse was celebratory. Couples clapped, called out "Congratulations" and cupcakes and tulips were handed out. One family said it was important to show up the first day.

"It sets a good example," said district resident Christine Burkhart, who married Denise Gavin in a ceremony in 2006 in Washington.

The pair stood in line rocking their twin 4-month-olds, Milo and Josephine. "We'll be able to tell them that we all went together as a family."

The District of Columbia became the sixth place in the country permitting same-sex unions. Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont also issue same-sex couples licenses.

Because of a processing period of three business days for all marriage license applicants, the couples won't be able to marry until Tuesday. That's the day they can pick up their licenses.

Sinjoyla Townsend, 41, and her partner of 12 years, Angelisa Young, 47, claimed the first spot in line just after 6 a.m. The district residents are already domestic partners but wanted to marry.

"It's like waking up Christmas morning," said Young, who teared up when she sat down to process their paperwork. "It's really like a dream come true."

Most couples who applied for licenses were from the district and nearby Virginia and Maryland, which said last week it will recognize same-sex unions performed elsewhere until the state Legislature or courts decide otherwise. One couple got on the road

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Angelisa Young, one half of a couple who was first in line to get married Tuesday

at 4 a.m. to drive from West Virginia and another couple was from Delaware. Some said it was symbolic to get married in the nation's capital, but for many D.C. is simply home.

Senate rejects Social
Security bonus payment

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday rejected a proposal by President Barack Obama to give people on Social Security a \$250 bonus check.

Republicans and Democratic deficit hawks combined to reject the idea by a 50-47 vote. The plan, offered in the Senate by Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., would have added \$14 billion to the out-of-control budget deficit.

The vote came as the Senate debated a \$100 billion-plus measure to extend unemployment assistance, revive a bevy of popular but expired tax breaks, help states with soaring Medicaid costs and prevent doctors from having to absorb big cuts in Medicare payments.

The costly measure follows passage Tuesday of a stopgap \$10 billion measure to fund several of the same programs through the end of the month.

The daunting price tag on the measure guarantees more complications and an even rougher path through the Senate than experienced by the bill passed Tuesday.

The full-year measure blends \$66 billion for unemployment benefits for people who have been out of work longer than 26 weeks with \$29 bil-

lion for Medicaid help to state governments and health insurance subsidies for the jobless. There's also \$26 billion for expiring tax breaks such as an income tax deduction for sales and property taxes and a business tax credit for research and development.

The measure closes \$29 billion worth of tax loopholes to help defray its cost, including one enjoyed by paper companies that get a credit from burning a pulp-making byproduct known as "black liquor," as if it were an alternative fuel.

All told, the measure would add \$107 billion to the deficit over the coming decade. Democrats have labeled most of the bill an emergency measure, exempting it from stricter budget rules enacted just last month.

Also Wednesday, the Senate rejected a procedural maneuver by freshman Sen. George Lemieux, R-Fla., that sought to force the entire bill to be paid for in subsequent legislation so as not to add to the deficit.

3 LA teachers removed
over choice of black heroes

LOS ANGELES — Three Los Angeles elementary school teachers accused of giving children portraits of O.J. Simpson, Dennis Rodman and RuPaul to carry in a Black History Month parade have been removed from their classrooms, a school district spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Children from other classes at the school displayed photos of more appropriate black role models, such as Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman and President Barack Obama, Los Angeles Unified School District spokeswoman Gayle Pollard-Terry said.

The incident occurred Friday at Wadsworth Avenue Elementary School in South Los Angeles, where the student body is more than 90 percent Latino.

District Superintendent Ramon Cortines placed the teachers — all white men who teach first, second and fourth grades — on administrative leave on Tuesday while an investigation is conducted, Pollard-Terry said.

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long process getting back on my feet," she said. Now, she takes things one day at a time and learns to live with the fact that she is not perfect. Yohe also has plans to write another book along with a movie deal. "I believe that my story is not unique and something that is universal," she said. "A lot of people are struggling with the same issues."

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UB invites Yohe to speak to campus today in 7th Street Underground

Renee Yohe believes she can open people's eyes and give people a sense of hope. Yohe, the inspiration for "To Write Love on Her Arms," the movement dealing with depression, suicide and self-injury, will speak at Eastern at 7 p.m. in 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "I'm a huge supporter of "To Write Love on Her Arms," said Christina Botica, lectures coordinator for the University Board.

Botica said the UB decided to invite Yohe because people on campus, whether they deal with depression or know someone who does, can relate to her struggle. "The speech can serve as an inspiration to those who may be suffering from those issues," she said. Botica said future teachers listening to the speech could find ways to relate to students they have that might deal with these issues, and anybody—from community members to high school and college stu-

dents to parents—could benefit from listening to Yohe's story. Sandra Sasidharan, graduate adviser for the UB, said they picked Yohe because they were impressed with her website, story and past speeches. Sasidharan also liked that Yohe was coming during Women's History Awareness Month. "The way she came out about the experience and how she built her character was extremely attractive to us," she said. Sasidharan wants young men and women to understand what it took

Yohe to be where she is today, along with the issues she faced. "We wanted someone who is different [to speak]," she said. Sasidharan said Yohe is real and went through a lot at a young age, and Sasidharan admires that she still remains charismatic. Yohe also wrote a book called "Purpose for the Pain" about her struggles and will do a book signing, along with a Q & A session, after the speech.

BOILER, from page 1

in fall 2011. A second, identical boiler will be installed in the new plant; they will serve as backup to the biomass gasifiers. "This new boiler is going to basically carry the campus load until we such time as we start up our new plant's gas boiler out there, this one's twin," Reed said. "We'll start it up first, out there, and once we get it up and reliable out there, we'll come back here and make plans to disassemble the new one that's in play now and relocate it to the new plant." The current plant also has two coal burning boilers still in commission. Reed said the university uses them as

much as possible because coal fuel is less expensive than natural gas. "They're frail and they're basically unreliable," Reed said. "The coal system is the basis of why we wanted to build the new system in the first place. It gives us a really available, reliable and reasonably priced fuel in the biomass." The gasifiers will start by burning two-inch hardwood chips, but the university is looking into other plant matter that can be used as fuel. "We're looking at alternative fuels," Reed said. "There's a lot of research going on right now on growing fuel crop. All the fuel we need for the university could theoretical-

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Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management

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Design details of the gasifiers are scheduled to be finalized this spring.

The outside shell of the plant should be completed in May, and internal construction should be completed by summer 2011. "We're on schedule to be in service by fall 2011, so that gives us the summer to do the shakedown, do the initial start-up and do any minor adjustments, tweaks and tuning to be ready for the heating season of 2011," Reed said. Construction on the Renewable Energy Center, on the corner of 18th Street and Edgar Drive, began in November 2009.

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While No. 45 is happy for the pre-selection, he said this is a part-time position.

"It's not something you don't play with all the time," Cisse said. "You might be called to play for a bit or not. They call you. You just come and work for them for a month and compete in a tournament and see what happens there."

The Ivory Coast plays in FIBA and is a top competitor in the African continent. It placed second in the 2009 FIBA African Championship, falling in the gold medal match to Angola 82-72 Aug. 15. However, Angola has won six-consecutive championships and 10 overall. Laser & Co. want to see

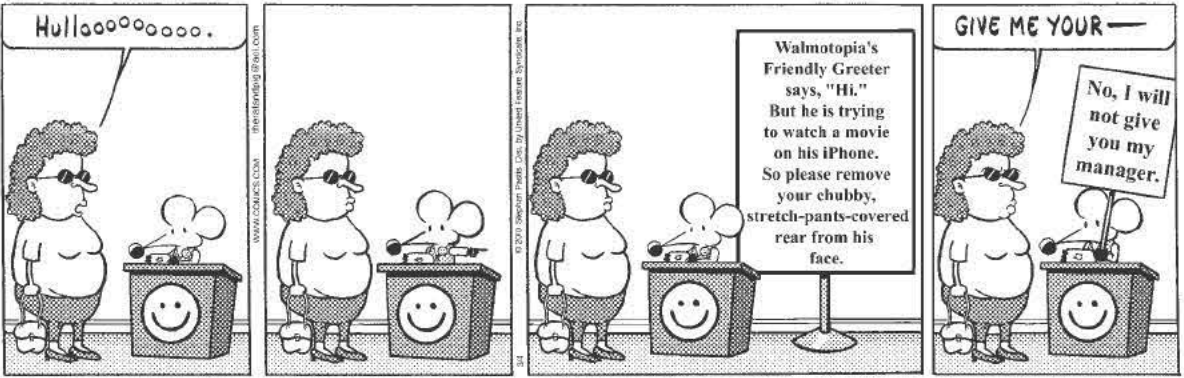
Cisse play internationally; however, Laser said it is unlikely.

"I don't think we could afford to travel overseas but if we can that would be nice," Laser said. "Maybe he will have a game here."

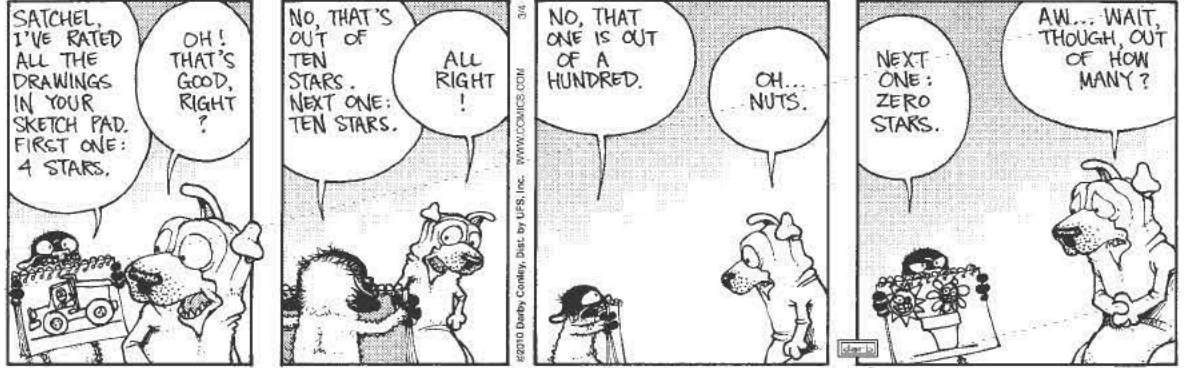
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Men's team still experiencing win

Team heads to Nashville for semis

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

Beating Eastern Kentucky 68-61 Tuesday night in Lantz Arena not only meant excitement for Eastern Illinois athletics and the fans, but for the men's basketball players as well.

The Panthers (19-11, 11-7 Ohio Valley Conference) advanced to the semifinals of the OVC Tournament in Nashville, Tenn., for the first time since 2001, when Eastern Illinois won the tournament title.

Sophomore guard Jeremy Granger was all smiles after the game. He had 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting, five assists and two steals.

"This win means a lot to the program," Granger said. "We haven't been to Nashville since 2001 and we are trying to make history right here. We are trying to do what they did."

Senior guard TJ Marion said he realizes the Eastern Illinois men's basketball team had eight consecutive losing seasons.

"It hasn't been good lately, so this is a big thing to go to Nashville," Marion said. "Hopefully, we will do our best and win."

Marion played well, leading the Panthers with 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting and had three assists.

Red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell had three key blocks late in the game as the Panthers extended their lead from three to seven.

The Indianapolis, Ind. native was excited for helping his team win a big game.

"It feels good," Hollowell said. "It will feel better when we go to Nashville. Everybody is happy and excited for the win. I think when we go down there, it will hit us a little harder."

Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller has lead two teams to the NCAA Tournament in 1994 and 1997 with Texas State University.

"The big thing is when you go to tournament time, you really have to stick to who you really are," Miller said. "You take 'em day by day and you have to continue to find ways to keep playing and to advance."

Perrin, Marion squabble

In the second half with Eastern Illinois leading 45-42, Hollowell had an offensive rebound when a Colonels' defender knocked Hollowell hard and he lost the ball.

Hollowell was then tagged with a foul while trying to get the ball back.

Miller called a timeout.

While waking back to the bench, Marion "bumped" Colonels' junior forward Spencer Perrin and then an argument ensued.

"We were just walking passed and we just bumped each other," Marion said. "Their coach (Jeff Neubauer)



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Junior guard Curry McKinney goes up for a shot against Austin Peay Thursday evening in Lantz Arena.

er) ran on the court and made it a big scene, so that is why everything looked worse than it was."

Both benches were nearly cleared and officials took a couple minutes calming down each side. No punches were thrown.

Interestingly, Perrin and Marion played in the same community college conference in the All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference, with Marion playing for Southeastern Illinois College and Perrin played for Lake Land College.

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MEN'S TENNIS | RECAP

Men's tennis falters, falls to Bradley Tuesday

By Dane Urban
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's tennis team lost in a close match yesterday to Bradley University, 4-3, in Peoria.

Eastern walked away from the match in Peoria with a 2-8 overall record on the season, unable to snap a six-match losing streak.

On the other side of the court, the Braves were successful in snapping their losing streak, ending it at four matches, improving their record to

3-7 this season.

In singles play, senior Jeff Rutherford and freshman Justin Haag were the lone winners.

Rutherford beat his opponent Milos Romic in a tight match winning 6-4, 7-6 (2-0).

Eastern head coach John Blackburn said he was impressed with Rutherford's play against Romic.

"Jeff beat a very challenging opponent, a guy who he lost to last year," Blackburn said. "That was a big win."

Haag continued his hot streak as he

defeated Eric Nguyen in straight sets 6-4, 6-3, moving his overall singles record to 8-2, a team-high.

"Justin continues to have a good year for us," Blackburn said. "He has a strong win/loss record."

Eastern captured the doubles point of the match, something that they have struggled with throughout the season.

"It was a big positive that we won our second consecutive doubles point," Blackburn said.

The Panthers' Rutherford-Haag doubles team was successful in beat-

ing Callen Fraychineaud and Brock Reiman, 8-4.

The other Eastern pair to take home a doubles win was sophomore Jamie Firth and freshman Warren Race. The duo beat Bradley's Juan Cuadrado and Richard Robertson, 8-5.

"I think that their play (Rutherford and Haag) and the play of the doubles was the highlight of the day," Blackburn said.

Blackburn said that the team was just simply outplayed but realizes its

mistakes on the court.

"I think they just played better than us as a group," Blackburn said. "We can probably do a better job of being consistent and to stick to our game plan."

The Panthers will be back in action Friday as they hit the road again to take on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Jaguars at 6 p.m. in Indianapolis.

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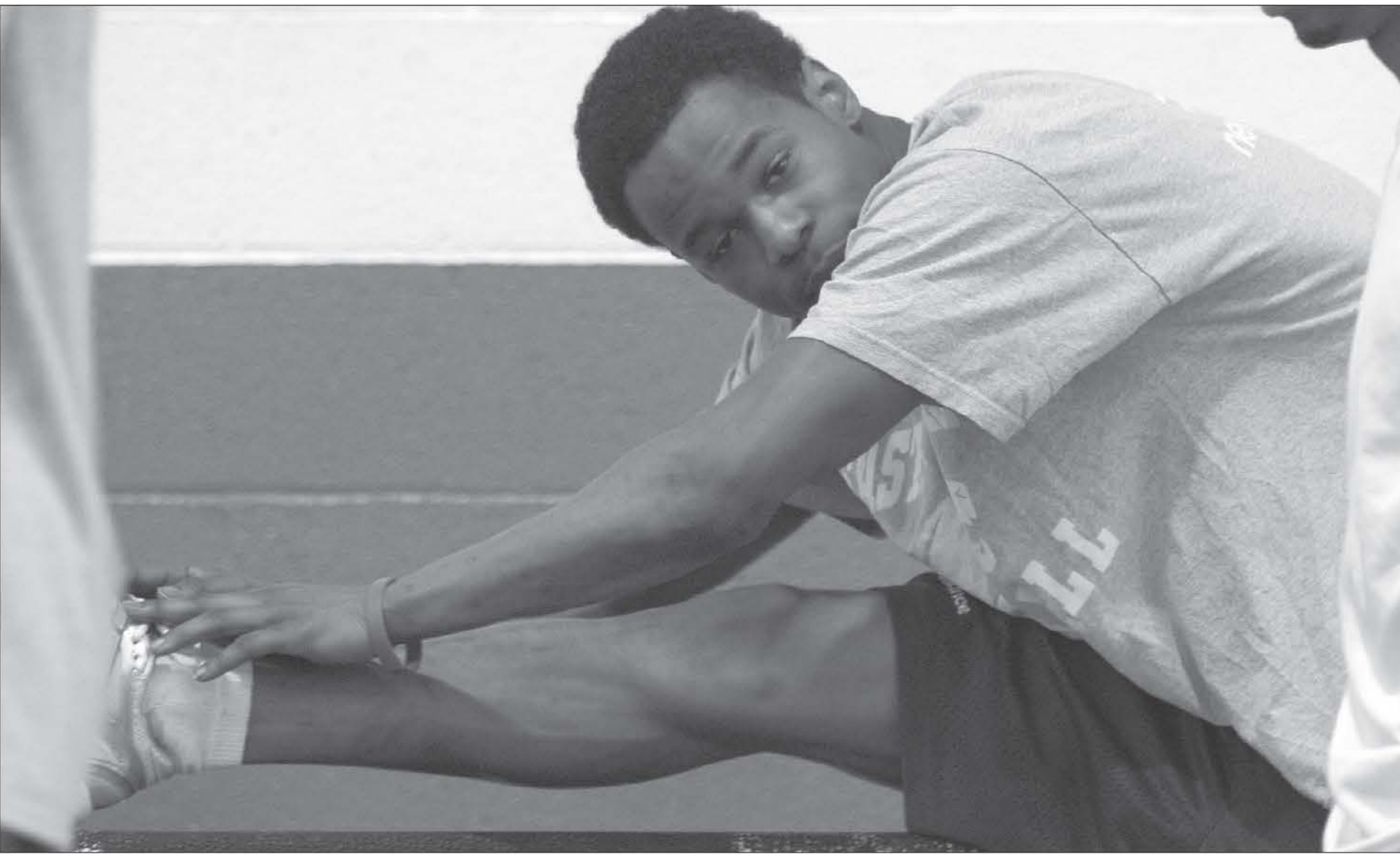
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Freshman red-shirt sprinter Jacob Mitchell stretches during practice on Wednesday afternoon in the Lantz Fieldhouse; Mitchell earned 10 points for the Panthers against Southeast Missouri.

Mitchell gaining one ring at a time

Red-shirt freshman outpaces fellow football player

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Jacob Mitchell is going to run out of fingers before he accumulates more Ohio Valley Conference championship rings.

The red-shirt freshman on the men's track and football teams will have two this season and possibly a third in the outdoor season.

But Mitchell loves track and wanted to help the men's track team take home another OVC title. He did that

by winning the 55-meter dash in his first collegiate event. He competed unattached at the Friday Night Special, waiting to see if he would be useful for the conference championships. And he was.

Although Mitchell simply ran a race, it was a needed 10 points for the Panthers who edged conference rival Southeast Missouri 178-150 in the team competition.

Because the men's teams only compete against three other teams at conference, points are at a premium by swinging rankings one way or the other.

"It brings me back to high school," Mitchell said. "I wanted to get another ring by running track as well."

Mitchell was a 2007 and 2008 state champion as a member of the 400-meter relay team and placed seventh

in the 100-meter dash in 2008 after a third-place finish in 2007 at Springfield Lanphier.

Mitchell said Eastern head coach Tom Akers has helped his agility and mobility on the track, an aspect that will benefit him with spring football practice and the rest of his Eastern football career.

Although the decision was a last-minute deal, he is glad he made the choice.

"I won that, and I was surprised I won," he said. "I didn't expect that...I had a whole year off from high school. When I came out and won I was like, 'Oh, Snap, I'm really kind of good at this.' Then when it came to conference, I kind of lucked out."

While it's common to see a football player run track, Mitchell stepped onto the track and ran two 8.3 marks

in the 55-meter dash at the Gentry Center in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday at the OVC Championships. He beat out Eastern Kentucky's Shannon Davis in the 55-meter dash.

Davis also plays football for the Colonels and was the 2008 OVC Male Track Freshman of the Year and the 2008 Male Athlete of the OVC Championships.

Mitchell plans to try and balance the spring football season and track. Ideally, he plans to practice football and try to attend track practice on the football non-practice days.

"I'm not too sure," he said. "We haven't had a real conversation about that yet. I just want to win and help the team get better."

Mitchell fills in the role of short sprints in place of red-shirt sophomore Zye Boey, who's recovering from

his knee injury. Mitchell knew Boey and junior Darren Patterson since they were a part of the program and because they were strong competitors from high school.

"I came in and wanted to be another powerhouse with them," he said. "We can do a lot of big things."

On the football field, Mitchell's progression is slowly progressing, but defensive backs coach Bobby Babich is taking notice.

"The first thing you talk about is his speed," Babich said. "He's a big guy who can run."

Babich said Mitchell is an unselfish person, someone who puts the team first. Mitchell has the size and athletic ability to be a good football player.

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Indoor just the beginning

The Eastern women's and men's track and field teams capture the Ohio Valley Conference championships again. Check. Now it's time to move on.

"We're going to have our work cut out for us in the outdoor season," Akers said. "It was not an easy victory by any means on either side of the ball."

The title is the women's third team title in the past four years. For the men, the title is its 12th title in 14 chances. However, the Panthers will return with senior David Holm for the outdoor season. Holm, a good mid-distance runner, will help tally more points at the outdoor conference meet. Oh, and he's been at the NCAA Indoor Championships. The Panthers will not only have him, but possibly the return of red-shirt sophomore Zye Boey. Boey reached both the indoor and outdoor national championships during last season. The only thing in question is his health.

Some other athletes who are getting healthy are red-shirt freshman Jacob Mitchell and sophomore Tyler Carter. Mitchell ran his first official meet at the OVC Indoor Championships and won the 55-meter dash in 6.38 seconds, the eighth-best mark in school history. Mitchell gives a boost to the short-sprint core with Boey's injury. Carter scored in long jump and competed in long jump, hurdles and sprints.

While senior thrower Kandace Arnold was the OVC Female Athlete of the Championships, red-shirt sophomore Megan Gingerich certainly should get a nod as well.

Gingerich won the high jump—as she said herself, not her best event. She edged Murray State senior Taylor Crawford in the 800-meter run. She helped the distance medley relay team to a win, and helped the 1,600-meter relay to a victory as well.

Tobler sixth at indoor championships

Former Eastern assistant track coach JaRod Tobler wrapped up the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships with a sixth-place showing in the long jump. Tobler's longest jump was 25 feet, 8 inches, was the best of his six jumps, and it came on his sixth jump. Jeremy Hicks won the event with a leap of 26 feet, .75 inches.

The Illinois State grad and former East Tennessee State coach left Eastern to try to join the U.S. team in hopes to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. In the summer of 2008, Tobler finished sixth at the U.S. Olympic Trials in the long jump. In the trials he was second in qualifying (26 feet, 9.25 inches) and finished sixth overall (26 feet, 6.5 inches) in the finals.

Galligan helps capture championship

Former Eastern basketball player Rachel Galligan was on the sideline helping her high school capture a state basketball championship.

The leading scorer in Eastern women's basketball history saw the Bloomington Central Catholic Saints defeat Quincy Notre Dame 64-48 in the Class 2A state championship. Galligan is also a former thrower for the Eastern women's track team. She is a graduate of Bloomington Central Catholic.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Mitchell conquers, earns stripes

Coaches, team preparing for Nashville

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

This season, freshman forward Sydney Mitchell is averaging 5.7 points per game in 31 games of play.

Mitchell has been Eastern's seventh-ranked scorer, while she has also brought in 3.3 rebounds per game.

However, everything changed in the month of February—Mitchell settled in.

During the past month, Mitchell has been averaging 10.3 ppg, making her the fourth highest scorer for the Panthers and one of only four players to average double-figures within the month.

Also, Mitchell has been one of the most efficient scorers this past month, shooting 59 percent from the field.

Mitchell has been on fire at the line, too, working for the best free throw percentage on the team by shooting 85 percent.

"Practices are really helping me, and I feel like I'm getting better ev-



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Senior forward Marie Baker leads the team in a celebratory cheer after beating Tennessee State in the first round of the OVC tournament 73-56 Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena.

ery time," Mitchell said.

In five out of eight of the Panthers' February games, Mitchell finished the game among Eastern's top three scorers.

Fragile on full court press

Eastern saw its offense slow down in the second half of Tuesday's quarterfinal match-up against Tennessee State.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Tigers' tough full court press made the Panthers' offense a little

fragile for a short period of time.

While the Tigers played tough defense, they shrank the deficit to 11 points but could not get it any closer.

"The good news is that we won't STRIPES, page 9

MEN'S BASKETBALL | SPOTLIGHT

Representing the homeland

Cisse pre-selected for Ivory Coast national team

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

After he graduates from Eastern, senior center Ousmane Cisse is going home.

Cisse will not only return to his original home in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on the western coast of Africa, he will be competing for a spot on the Ivory Coast national basketball team.

Cisse said the Ivory Coast national team sent him a letter in the mail saying he was pre-selected to be on the team. He said roughly 25 players were selected, and he is one of the players to train with them.

After that, there are final cuts before the International Basketball Association (FIBA) Basketball World Cup tournament in Turkey this July.

"Playing for my national team is a great thing," Cisse said. "It's a great pride and achievement in my career. They really like my strength and rebounding—the things I'm good at."

Cisse said he is familiar with the national team.

"I've been keeping in contact with them since I've been here," Cisse said. "I've been playing and

preparing with them last year and the years before."

For the Ivory Coast, the team will have Cisse play at forward or center like he did at Eastern.

Junior guard Tyler Laser played with Cisse for three seasons and was not surprised with his teammate being recognized.

"That's amazing," Laser said. "Anyone who could play for their national team looks so good for Eastern and the program. I'm real happy for him cause if I had a chance to make the U.S. team, that would be a dream come true. I know he is looking forward to it and will play well."

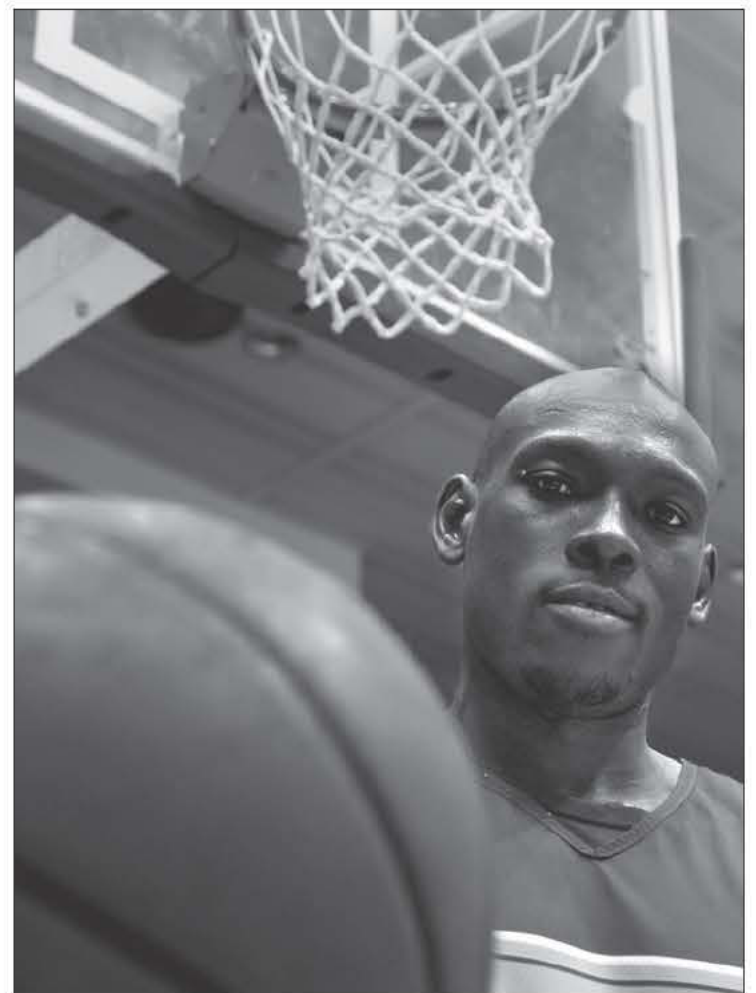
Eastern head coach Mike Miller recruited Cisse from the Community Christian School in Atlanta, and has seen the 6'8" center develop these last four years.

"The biggest thing is the consistency that he plays with," Miller said. "He gives you a great effort every night. He is the ultimate team guy and has kind of been the spokesman for our program."

Miller knows how valuable Cisse is and is proud of his honor.

"Obviously for his country, he has been around and on their junior teams," Miller said. "They know of not only his athletic ability, but everybody meets people like that in their organization."

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Senior center Ousmane Cisse palms the ball under the basket in Lantz Arena Monday. Cisse will be returning to Ivory Coast, Africa, after this semester to play for the country's national team.

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